



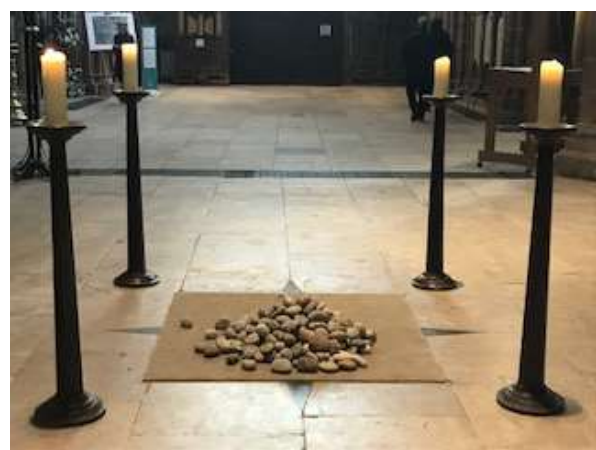
TRENTHAM TALKS



NEWSLETTER

5TH FEBRUARY 2018

Holocaust Memorial Day on 29th January 2018 held at Lichfield Cathedral



The event took place in the Cathedral nave. Students listened to 3 presentations – The Dean of Lichfield Adrian Dorber delivered a presentation on the context of Shoah, the preferred name for the Jewish holocaust; a youth ambassador then gave a presentation on her work with the Holocaust Education Trust and experience of Auschwitz. Ruth Barnett then gave an inspirational talk about her personal story during the Holocaust and experience of the Kindertransport in 1939. The event ended with a performance of music on violin and piano, giving students the opportunity to build a small stone cairn in remembrance of the Holocaust.

Umpires

Charlotte Perry and Evie Davies have been selected to umpire at a county Netball competition next Tuesday (6th February). Well done.



Trentham Academy Business Partnership Group 1st Feb 2018



Our first Business Partnership meeting took place on 1st February 2018; we are looking forward to working with them on our Pre-Apprenticeship route to create real opportunities for our students who are looking to get into the world of work. There was a genuine passion to support students entering this field, to give them the stepping stones to build on for the future. Businesses have also offered to support us in a number of other ways including SPARK days e.g. NG Health Care delivered some fantastic sessions last week. I would like to thank them for their time and commitment to making a difference in our Academy.

Trafford Centre Trip Monday 29th January

On Monday, 230 of our students with the highest Attitude to Learning scores got to celebrate their efforts with a day trip to the Trafford Centre. Students enjoyed a range of activities from shopping in style to adventure golf, to a spot of bowling and a film at the I-max. They even had the opportunity to complete a climbing wall and challenge the staff on the dodgems! What a wonderful way to unwind and re-energise before returning to school to continue with the hard-work and commitment to their studies that they have shown consistently since September. We look forward to celebrating with many more of you later in the year.

Trafford Centre



TALENT (PTA)

The meeting took place on the 29th January. The AGM was called for Thursday 8th March at 5pm at Trentham Academy. Again, all are welcome to attend and get involved in what we hope will be a group to create some exciting opportunities for the Academy.



Our new Parent teacher group TALENT will be running a competition for students to design their new LOGO... The aim of the group is to raise funds and support the school to improve the facilities/impressions of the school. The deadline for entries would need to be prior to 8th March as there will be a meeting on that day to judge and choose the logo.



Please submit your designs with your name to Miss Morrey in the art room by Friday 23rd Feb

If you would like to get involved please email us talent@trenthamacademy.co.uk.

Mock Results Day Tuesday 30th January

On Mock Results Day, all Year 11 students received the results from their recent examinations. Colleges, Progress Leaders, teachers and SLT were on hand to discuss the results and help to guide the students on their journey forward.



Yr11 Parents Evening 1st Feb

Thursday, saw excellent attendance at our Subject Parents' Evening, where all of the subject teachers and the local colleges were available to discuss our students' progress and next steps.



We would like to remind parents of Year 11, we have February Half Term sessions on offer:

Monday 19th February: Geography: 9am until 12pm - Students will be individually invited to work on specific areas of need. Mr Rochester and Miss Meade will contact students and parents over the coming weeks.

Tuesday 20th February: Music: 10am until 5pm - All GCSE Music students are invited to attend on this day!

Wednesday 21st February: Art, Hospitality and Product Design will be running a full day session for Y11 students who study these subjects. This has always been very well attended, with students making exceptional progress and the equivalent of a fortnight's worth of lessons in one day! We strongly advise your child to attend. The day will run from 9am until 3pm. Students are required to sign in and register on arrival at the Art or Product Design room. Please note; students are advised to bring a packed lunch as they will not be permitted to leave the site during the lunch break.

Monday 26th February day session being run by Stoke 6th Form College at Trentham Academy for Year 11

Monday 26th February: INSET day. **All Y11 students are requested to attend** the morning of the calendared INSET day. We are very fortunate to have Stoke Sixth Form College coming in to the Academy to teach English, Mathematics and Science revision sessions. The morning will run from 9am until 12.30pm with three, one-hour sessions being held and short rest breaks in between. This is an incredible opportunity, where the topics covered will be directly derived from feedback within the Mock Examinations.

Please note that, whilst usual school rules and expectations apply during these sessions, students do not need to wear school uniform.

Year 9 Language talk at Trentham from Stoke Sixth form College

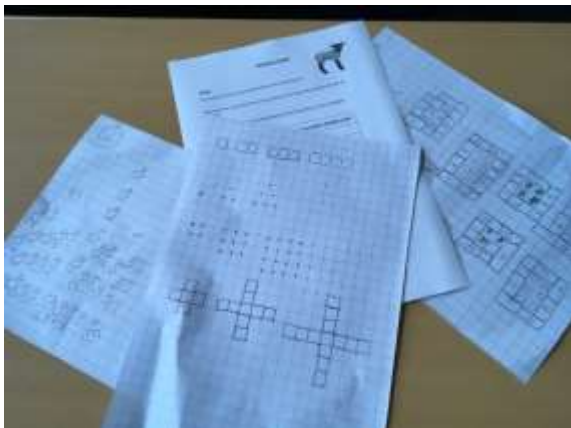


With Y9 preferences imminent, Colin Lindley, Head of Languages at Stoke 6th Form, visited the academy to talk to students about the importance of learning a foreign language and the job opportunities open to those with an additional language.

Students heard about successful former Trentham Academy students who have gone on to study languages at A-level and beyond. They discussed the small percentage of people around the world who both speak and understand English, dispelling the myth that “everybody speaks English”.

Primary Liaison

On Friday 2nd February a group of year 5 students from The Meadows Primary Academy Yr5 attended a Mathematics Lesson. This lesson was based around sequences and problem solving. One of the investigations including calculating how many ways 10p and 20p coins could be used to make a 10p, 20p, 30p.....up to £1 phone call in a telephone box.



We also have had Belgrave Yr5 visit for a Science session this week where they were experimenting with metal properties including conductivity and magnetism.

Parental Coffee Morning 2nd Feb

Very valuable feedback and discussion took place during the session. There was lots of praise for staff, including the enrichment aspects of the academy e.g. Duke of Edinburgh all are very warmly received. The use of Firefly was discussed for revision tips and communication including tests and resources. Parents' Evenings were also discussed as well as the reporting system and the exam stress and pressure which is looming after Easter. Your feedback and views are very much valued. The next Coffee/ Tea drop in session will take place on 27th April 2018 at 2pm.

Mr Hall's Revision Guide/Tips for all students Year 7-11

More effective learning

This will be a regular section in the newsletter where tips and techniques will be shown to help all students in all years improve their progress. We will give ideas and strategies for students, teachers and parents to help our young people develop habits that lead to more effective learning.

Proven to work revision tip 1: Spaced Practice

One of the simplest most effective ways of improving progress in school is to continuously revisit material in spaced chunks. This is crucial especially for year 11's and 10's who are preparing for exams. Rather than spend two hours revising for an exam, split it up into 8 blocks of 15 minutes. This is a much more efficient use of time and practically, you will find students can repeat content which is crucial to developing the knowledge and understanding to break through to higher grades. It means starting revision early and making it a continuous daily habit; this is hard, but it leads to less stress and anxiety in the long run, compared to crammed revision before exams.

Students:

- Year 11's should commit to a couple of 10 minute sessions of revision per night for different subjects.



- All students in ***all years*** should create a revision timetable to revisit work covered in lessons. Year 11's should create a revision timetable **NOW** with these 10 minute slots and stick to it **AS OF TODAY!**
- All students in all years should spend short period of time reviewing work during, soon after and in between lessons.

Teachers:

- Teachers model spaced practice in lessons constantly. Teachers will highlight this to students when we are revisiting previous material. We have material on Firefly showing how a course is laid out and the topics and material previously covered to help plan spaced out revision.
- Teachers will ask students in lessons to look back on previous work where appropriate to help students get into good habits.



Parents:

- Getting into good habits requires discipline and your child will need that firm support and encouragement to break the bad habit of only revising just before exams.
- Sit down with your child and agree a simple revision timetable of 10 minute slots leaving plenty of time for them to relax, not work, and just be children and teenagers!



IT WORKS!

We have had many conversations with Trentham students exasperated at having spent two hours revising only to forget most of what they have covered. One student has taken this on board and is now revising in short bursts of 10-15 minutes allowing him to cover the same content multiple times and has said it has helped him enormously in his mock exams.

Sports Achievement

Partnership Games

On Friday 26th January, our year 8 students participated in a 'Partnership Games' event which was held at Fenton Manor Sports Complex. The students had a fantastic afternoon participating in a variety of sports, including martial arts, indoor athletics, boccia and indoor golf. Mrs Shaw stated that the students really enjoyed the experience of participating in a variety of different activities!



The Year 8 Partnership Games Team



Football Success – Under 15's County Cup

St. Peter's Academy 1 – 4 Trentham Academy

Having lost to St. Peter's in the final of the City Cup last year, the two teams had now been drawn in the next round of the County Cup. Below is a brief match report from Mr Ablewhite.

One of the best Trentham performances in recent memory. The team won 4-1 with a Sam Parry hat trick and a Fletcher Cotton wonder goal. Tom Nixon, Ben Wood and Callum Lowe dominated the middle of the pitch. The whole team worked hard for each other and won their battles! A great team performance! The team now progress into the quarter finals against The De Ferrers Academy on Wednesday 7th February.



Basketball Success

Senior Team



The senior basketball team played two fixtures over the last week. They lost their game against a very polished Blythe Bridge High School outfit but redeemed themselves with a very good win against St. Thomas More Catholic College by 18 – 14. Callum Ralston and Cameron Carnall dominated under the basket. Well done to all the students who represented the school.

Basketball Success - Senior Team

Trentham Academy 18 – 14 St. Thomas More Catholic College



Basketball Success - Junior Team

Trentham Academy 28 – 18 Blythe Bridge High School

The junior team continued with their winning form beating Blythe Bridge High School by 28 – 18. Henry Pulfer had an impressive game scoring 12 points. A very good team performance on the evening.



Steam Boiler Restoration Project

Michael Ludford has been working on restoring the boiler on a 1-200 year old steam boiler.

He has been volunteering at the weekends and Thursday evenings, working alongside Etruria Bone Mill museum.



Stars of the Week

Centaur (Optimism) Charlotte Davies for passing her music theory exam.

Dragon (Optimism) Joe Furze for his commitment to the Dragon inter-house football team.

Griffin (Respect) Jack Lloyd for his support he gives to his neighbours in the community.

Phoenix: (Optimism) Joe Greensmith has achieved a Grade 8 in ICT; this is a fantastic achievement showing his hard work and positive Attitude to Learning has had a big impact on his progress!

Salamander (Collaboration) Rosie Gibbs for helping staff with a situation concerning other students.

Good Eggs

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised by their teachers as being especially helpful in class.

Benjamin	Almond	Dragon	2
Emily	Jones	Griffin	2
Natasha	Shah	Salamander	2
Sami	Zahoor	Griffin	2
Imethra	Aluthge Don	Griffin	1
Gabriella	Chapple	Salamander	1
Corey	Churchill	Centaur	1
Lucy	Dennis	Salamander	1
Jasmin	Dhillon	Centaur	1
Kai	Edwards	Salamander	1
Emma	Grocott	Dragon	1
Haydn	Gwilliam	Salamander	1
Connie	Halket	Griffin	1
Isabel	Harding	Griffin	1
Hannah	Harvey	Phoenix	1
Ellie	James	Centaur	1
Elliot	Middleton	Phoenix	1
Samuel	Reeves	Salamander	1
Alfie	Smith	Dragon	1
Lucas	Staton	Centaur	1
Charlotte	Trevor	Salamander	1
Gabriella	Twigg	Salamander	1
Kayleigh	Wakelin	Centaur	1
Millie	Wright	Dragon	1

Merits

Congratulations to Patryk for being the top performer for Merits this week with 8 achieved. All students with 4 or more are listed below:

Patryk	Mazurkiewicz	Dragon	8
Anise	McCausland	Salamander	7
Ruby	Smith	Salamander	7
Kai	Wetton	Dragon	7
April	Newhouse	Griffin	6
Louisa	Palmer	Phoenix	6
Ella	Black	Salamander	5
Amelia	Chadwick	Dragon	5
William	Cooper	Griffin	5
Oliver	Cope	Griffin	5
James	Fellows	Salamander	5
Ava	Griffiths	Salamander	5
Connie	Halket	Griffin	5
Kitty	Halket	Griffin	5
Phoebe	Hall	Centaur	5
Tillie	James	Centaur	5
Charlotte	Johnson	Centaur	5
Parsa	Mirshamsi	Griffin	5
Fatima	Nadir	Griffin	5
Fizza	Naveed	Salamander	5
Laynee	Tunncliffe	Salamander	5
Georgia	Wright	Salamander	5
Maria	Xanthopoulou	Phoenix	5
Holly	Alcock	Centaur	4
Wajihah	Amjid	Centaur	4

Ajay	Bansal	Centaur	4
Sophie	Bland	Dragon	4
Andrew	Bradley	Centaur	4
Joshua	Brindley	Phoenix	4
Holly	Chatterton	Salamander	4
Esme	Cheung	Griffin	4
Corey	Churchill	Centaur	4
Hayden	Cordall	Phoenix	4
Lauren	Cotton	Centaur	4
Charlotte	Davies	Centaur	4
Evie	Davis	Dragon	4
Phoebe	Dawson	Phoenix	4
Annabelle	Deacy	Salamander	4
Lucy	Dennis	Salamander	4
Millie	Downes	Salamander	4
Aysha	Falak	Centaur	4
Emily	Fox	Griffin	4
Sarah	Frearson	Salamander	4
Rosie	Gibbs	Phoenix	4
Kelsie	Hart	Phoenix	4
Samuel	Hawkes	Griffin	4
Benjamin	Haywood	Griffin	4
Rahyla	Hussain	Griffin	4
Ellie	James	Centaur	4
Alicia	Johnson	Centaur	4
Rusne	Kaupyte	Dragon	4
Ella	Keen	Salamander	4
Thomas	Latham	Griffin	4
Bobby-James	Lilley	Dragon	4

Jack	Lloyd	Griffin	4
Michael	Ludford	Centaur	4
Ayman	Mahmood	Centaur	4
Rebekah	Marsh	Griffin	4
Kaleem	Mohammed	Centaur	4
Sophie	Munton-Davies	Centaur	4
Sareya	Myatt	Phoenix	4
Alexxia	Penk	Griffin	4
Zoe	Rowley	Salamander	4
Tehniyat	Shahid	Dragon	4
Brooke	Smallwood	Griffin	4
Chloe	Tams	Salamander	4
Kayleigh	Walker	Griffin	4
Niamh	Washington	Phoenix	4
Isabel	Wheeldon	Salamander	4
Jake	Wright	Centaur	4

Headteacher's Notices

We would like to raise funds for Trentham Academy, and have attached the link to our 'Goraise' page: <https://www.goraise.co.uk/talent/>. We would like you to register on this and, when you do your online shopping, do it through this page. This will create income for the Academy, very much in the way that store loyalty cards work. It costs shoppers no extra but will be extremely valuable for the Academy. Please also share with friends and relatives. You can also access this from the Academy website. Your support and encouragement with this is warmly welcomed.

Trentham Academy is currently working with a number of Businesses that will offer staff and parents of Trentham Academy an opportunity to get a discount using the code CLT2018. I am hoping to place these on the website over the next few weeks. Already these include; Steelite at Trentham Gardens (Pottery wares) and M and M Group (for servicing and car repairs) if you use the code CLT2018 you will receive 10% discount.

There a lot of activities which are taking place weekly at the Academy and students are focussed on their studies. Year 11 are only 12 weeks away from the exam season and Mr Hall will be looking to provide revision tips and hint in the Newsletter every week to support students and parents through this very stressful time.

We have had a number of enquiries about hiring rooms including the Hall and Drama room which is lovely. If you know of anyone else who is interested in running a group or session and looking for facilities to do so, then please ask them to get in touch using the Trentham@trenthamacademny.co.uk email address.

We are also in the Sentinel this week use the following link to read / view <http://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/news/stoke-on-trent-news/pupils-can-dress-impress-prom-1123340> .

It has been another fantastic week at Trentham Academy and we very much appreciate your support.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Whittingham', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike Whittingham

Headteacher